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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 2016

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The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM.

Members Present: Imran Farooqi, Jeff Ratliff-Crain, Sarah McDowell, Kelvin Mason, Brian Katz, Chris Marme, Rachel Weiss, Jamie Nordling, Nathan Frank, Mamata Marme, Cole Neder (SGA), Kaylynn Burke (SGA)

Absent: Lisa Seidlitz, Rob Elflin, Lendol Calder

Guests: Christina Myatt

I. Minutes

Motion- Sarah McDowell moved **“to approve the minutes of the January 27th meeting as submitted.”**

Rachel Weiss seconded.

Discussion was opened. A couple of points were clarified and amended.

MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27TH MEETING WITH CORRECTIONS.

Christina Myatt will file the amended minutes with Mary Koski in Academic Affairs.

II. NEW AND CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. Updates from Academic Affairs

Jeff Ratliff-Crain brought forth an LC question from Liesel Fowler. If courses are approved as an LC, can students register for them individually? The Registrar's office is looking for guidance and a process to follow. In addition, there is a standing rule that if you have taken one LC, you cannot register for another (with exceptions related to study abroad).

Discussion ensued. Questions were raised as to if this needs to be looked at on a case by case basis. It was also questioned if a student could register for a second LC only after everyone has registered and we are sure that all who need the LC can get into one.

There are essentially two issues here. One, if a student wants to take a second LC and two, if a student wants to take only one half of an LC.

Brian Katz moved that, for the upcoming term, it is fine to add those students who have already taken an LC after others have registered with appropriate permissions. A more detailed proposal and process will be devised for the future.

Sarah McDowell seconded.

MOTION PASSES.

Discussion moved to only taking half an LC.

Brian Katz moved that temporarily the committee is fine with students taking one of the 2 LC courses with instructor approval, consultation with the GenEd committee and a demonstrated need.

Chris Marme seconded.

MOTION PASSES.

The GenEd Committee will take a look at this issue in greater detail and put together a proposal/process for future terms.

2. Aligning GenEd with college objectives and making an assessment plan

Discussion was opened and committee members shared their personal drafts of the shared vision statement.

Our goal is to take all the drafts and condense to one that encompasses all of the discussion and then begin mapping the statement to the core curriculum.

Brian Katz will put together the proposed synthesis of ideas so we can start mapping at our next meeting.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. We need to start thinking about who will be the next chair of GenEd (starting Fall 2016).

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Myatt